



14th FIAPAC Conference

Fertility control into the hands of women

8-10 September 2022, Riga, Latvia

Scientific programme

Friday, 9 September 2022

08:00 - 09:00 Registration

09:00 - 10:30 Opening
Room A
Chairs: Local Committee

- Welcome by the FIAPAC President - Sharon Cameron (UK)
- Welcome by the Rector of Riga Stradiņš University - Aigars Petersons
- Welcome by the First Lady of Latvia - Andra Levita
- Abortion in the Baltic Countries - Vija Veisa (Latvia)
- RSU folk-dance group "Ačkups"

10:30 - 11:00 Refreshments, exhibition and poster presentations
Exhibit area

11:30 - 12:30 Plenary Session 1: Abortion in the hands of women
Room A Chairs:

- The past: where have we come from - Beverly Winikoff (USA)
- The present: in settings where abortion is restricted - Kinga Jelinska (Poland)
- The present in settings where abortion is legal: self-managed abortion - Margit Endler (South Africa)
- The future - Rebecca Gomperts (Netherlands)
- Q & A

12:30 - 14:00 Lunch, exhibition and poster presentations
Exhibit area

12:45 – 13:45 **Lunch session** Nordic Pharma
Room A

14:00 - 15:30 Concurrent sessions 1 - 5

Room A **CS 1 - Free communications** (x 6)
Chairs:

Room B **CS 2 –Emergency Contraception (EC)**
Chairs: Clare Murphy (UK)

- Contraception - Kristina Gemzell Danielsson (Sweden)
- Bridging contraception after EC - Sharon Cameron (UK)
- New options in EC – Alison Edelman (USA)

Room C **CS 3 - IPPF**
Exploring the role of health workers in abortion self-care

With the increasing number of abortions being self-managed using medical abortion pills, either through preference or lack of other options, IPPF recognises abortion self-care as the right of women and girls to lead their abortion journey, with or without support from health workers.

If a woman does choose to involve a health worker in her abortion self-care journey, what role should they play? How can healthcare staff be supported to transition from a position of gatekeeper and provider of abortion services to a role of facilitator and supportive partner in abortion self-care?

IPPF's diverse network of locally owned Member Associations (MAs) provide abortion care across the globe in a wide range of settings. IPPF MAs are using their significant experience of providing comprehensive abortion care to adapt existing service delivery models, offering easier more effective links to care as a key part of a woman's support network in her abortion self-care.

In doing so, they are transforming abortion care from an approach which is often medicalized and provider-led, into one in which health systems may play a supportive role and health professionals empower individuals to play a leading role in their care.

In this session, IPPF MAs from Colombia and Ghana will share lessons learned, good practice and challenges from their experience of developing models of support for abortion self-care. In addition, we will hear from IPPF partner Women First Digital on their experience of using digital health to support women in abortion self-care, including through referrals for in-person care when needed.

Room D

CS 4 – Managing Conscientious Objection

Chairs: Ann Furedi (UK), Nausikaä Martens (Belgium)

- The Italian Conundrum - Mirella Parachini (Italy)
- Does conscience matter in a secular world? - Jon O'Brien (USA)
- Providing services with good conscience - Donagh Stenson (UK)

Room E

CS 5 - Pre-abortion investigations: what is needed

Chairs:

- Anti-D: when is it required - Jonathan Lord (UK)
- Abortion before ultrasonically visible pregnancy / ultrasound or not - Karin Brandell (Sweden)
- STI testing / antibiotic prophylaxis - Matt Reeves (USA)

15:30 – 16:00 Refreshments, exhibition and poster presentations
Exhibit area

16:00 - 17:30 Plenary Session 2: Contraception in the hands of women
Room A

Chairs: Sharon Cameron (UK) – Clare Murphy (UK)

- Over the counter contraception - Daniel Grossman (USA)
- Improving access to emergency contraception - Cristina Puig (Spain)
- Simplifying access to contraception after pregnancy - Michelle Cooper (UK)
- Q & A

18:00 – 19:30 General Assembly of FIAPAC (members only)
Room A

Saturday, 10 September 2022

09:00 - 10:30 Plenary Session 3: Supporting the provision of safe abortion
Room A Chairs:

- Overview WHO guidelines – Caron Kim (WHO)
- Abortion in humanitarian settings - Roopan Gill (Canada)
- Stigma study, findings and subsequent recommendations – Jayne Kavanagh (UK)
- Q & A

10:30 - 11:00 Refreshments, exhibition and poster presentations
Exhibit area

11:00 - 12:30 Concurrent sessions 6 - 10

Room A **CS 6 - Difficult Questions**
Chairs: Ann Furedi (UK)

- Testing embryos and fetuses: eugenics or healthcare? - Sandy Starr (UK)
- What we can say about "Fetal Pain" - Stuart W Derbyshire (Singapore)

Room B **CS 7 – Surgical & medical abortion**
Chairs: Matt Reeves (USA)

- Cervical priming (mife vs miso vs osmotic) – Paul Blumenthal (USA)
- Safety of office based sedation for surgical abortion (1st and 2nd trimester) - Raina Brethouwer (The Netherlands)
- Inducing fetal asystole - Matt Reeves (USA)
- Management of difficult cases and complications in second trimester abortion – Helena Kopp Kallner (Sweden)

Room C **CS8 -Contraception**
Chairs:

- Fears about contraception - Christian Fiala (Austria)
- Immediate post abortion LARC – Oskari Heikinheimo (Finland)

Room D **CS 9 - The good, the bad, the ugly : what is happening with abortion across the world**
Chairs:

- The Good: Europe / South America - Nausikaa Martens (Belgium)
- The Bad: Europe / Asia - Julia Bartley (Germany)

- The Ugly: USA - Alison Edelman (USA)
- Government Policies on Accessing Safe Abortion in Europe - Marina Davidashvili (European Parliamentary Forum for Sexual & Reproductive Rights – EPF)

Room E **CS 10 – FIGO session**

12:30 - 14:00 **Lunch, exhibition and poster presentations**
Exhibit area

12:45 – 13:45
Room TBC **Let’s talk about EC:** A casual conversation during the lunch break to discuss strategies to scale up access to emergency contraception
Conveyed by The Asia-Pacific and the European Consortia for Emergency Contraception (APCEC and ECEC).

14:00 - 15:30 **Concurrent sessions 11 - 15**

Room A **CS 11 – FC x6**
Chairs:

Room B **CS 12 - Vulnerable groups**
Chairs:

- Abortion care for adolescents - Patricia Moore (Australia)
- Abortion care for refugee and migrant women - Berna Dilbaz (Turkey)
- Caring for patients with complex medical needs: don’t be scared, be prepared – Andrea Henkel (USA), Paul Blumenthal (USA)
- Patterns of teenage pregnancy in Estonia over the last three decades - Kai Haldre (Estonia)

Room C **CS 13 - Changing abortion and contraceptive care**
Chairs:

- Abortion and unintended pregnancy worldwide - Jonathan Bearak (USA)
- Covid, abortion and contraception: impetus or impediment ? - Kaye Wellings (UK)
- Normally prescribed mifepristone, effect on abortion access, providers and safety - Wendy Norman (Canada)
- Decriminalising abortion: what do patients and providers think? - Rebecca French (UK)

Room D **CS 14 – RCOG**

The abortion care education deficit: advocating for increased access to abortion education and training

Session moderator: Patricia Lohr (UK)

- Dealing with the abortion care education deficit in countries with restrictive legal frameworks - Bintu Mansaray (Sierra Leone)
- Advocating for comprehensive abortion education at an institutional level - Jayne Kavanagh (UK)
- Presentation TBC – Speaker TBC

Room E

CS 15 – REHVO/ANCIC session

Chairs:

- Teleconsultation for medical abortion in France, a difficult challenge - Danielle Hassoun (France)
- New delay for abortion until 16 weeks of gestation : How we managed to change the french law in 2022 - Philippe Faucher (France)
- How to approach contraception with people with disabilities? Example of films produced by ANCIC (National Association of Abortion and Contraception Centers) - Emmanuelle Lhomme (France)

15:30 - 16:00 Refreshments, exhibition

Exhibit area

16:00 - 16:30 Prize giving: Best oral communications & posters and FIAPAC/Exelgyn grant

Room A

Chair:

16:30 - 17:45 Plenary session 4: Why bright legal lines are a problem

Room A

Chairs: Ann Furedi (UK)

- Do laws shape our practice? Does practice shape our laws? - Sally Sheldon (UK)
- Preventing or ending pregnancy? Does it matter? Do we care ? - Clare Murphy (UK)
- Stopping the clock on abortion time limits - Ann Furedi (UK)

17:45 - 18:00 Closing remarks

Room A

18:00 Au revoir drinks & evaluation forms

Exhibit area

Sunday, 11 September 2022

09:00 – 12:00 **Post-conference session - Francophone session**
Room A Session coordinators:
Philippe David, France - Martine Hatchuel, France
